



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Jim Gibbons, Governor

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March 7, 2007

NOTICE OF FINAL DECISION

RECLAMATION PERMIT NO. #0261

SPIRIT MINERALS, LP

Big Ledge Mine

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) has decided to issue Reclamation Permit, No. # 0261, for a Mining Project to SPIRIT MINERALS, LP. This permit authorizes SPIRIT MINERALS, LP to reclaim the Big Ledge Mine. This Project is located in Elko County, Nevada. The Division has been provided with an application, in accordance with Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 519A to assure the Division that SPIRIT MINERALS, LP will leave the project site safe, stable, and capable of providing for a productive post-mining land use.

This permit will become final on March 18th, 2007. The final determination of the Administrator may be appealed to the State Environmental Commission pursuant to NAC 519A.415. The appeal must be filed by March 17th, 2007 and in accordance with Administrative rules of the Environmental Commission.

No comments were received during the public comment period.

NAC 519A.415 Appeals to commission.

1. Any person aggrieved by:

(a) The issuance, denial, renewal, suspension, modification, condition or revocation of a permit; or

(b) The issuance, modification or rescission of any other order,
by the state department of conservation and natural resources may appeal to the commission.

2. Any person who requests a hearing before the commission concerning a final decision of the department pursuant to chapter 519A of NRS may do so by filing a request, within 10 days after notice of the action of the department, on form 3* with

the State Environmental Commission, 901 S. Stewart St. Ste. 4001, Carson City, Nevada 89701.

3. The provisions of NAC 445B.875 to 445B.899, inclusive, apply to a hearing of the state environmental commission requested pursuant to subsection 1.

4. The commission will affirm, modify or reverse any action of the department, which is appealed to it.

*(See adopting agency for form.)